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1. JAN 25 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTED THAT CANADA IS ASKING SOUTH KOREA TO RATIFY THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) AS PART OF AGREEMENT TO SELL IT A \$300 MILLION CANDU REACTOR.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS STORY, ENERGY MINISTERS MACDONALD HAS SAID THAT RATIFICATION OF NPT IS NOT RPT NOT AN ABSOLUTE CONDITION FOR THE SALE BUT "IT'S A PROPOSAL WE'VE PUT OUT". ASKED WHETHER CANADA MIGHT CALL OFF THE DEAL IF SOUTH KOREA DID NOT RATIFY, MACDONALD REPLIED: "I WOULDN'T SAY SO", BUT, WITHOUT ELABORATING, ADDED THERE WAS "SOME SUASION" CANADA COULD USE ON THE KOREANS.

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3. GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT KOREA AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT CANADA HAS MADE KNOWN ITS POSITION THAT SEOUL SHOULD RATIFY THE NPT, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SUCH ACTION WAS A CONDITION TO THE REACTOR SALE.

4. NEWS STORY CONCLUDES THAT WHILE THE EXACT REASON FOR THE CONCESSION (NPT REATIFICATION) BEING SOUGHT BY CANADA FROM KOREA WAS NOT CLEAR, ONE OFFICIAL REFERRED TO WHAT HE CALLED "THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN KOREA" WHICH HAD RESULTED IN PRESSURE ON THE GOC TO TAKE A CAUTIOUS APPROACH. PORTER

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